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SUBJ: BIOGRAPHICS: SLIM BENGHAZI, TUNISIAN MBASSADOR-
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1. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE NETHERLANDS HAS GIVEN AGREEMENT
TO THE NOMINATION OF SLIM BENGHAZI AS TUNISIAN AMBASSADOR
TO THE HAGUE.

2. CAREER MILESTONES: MOST RECENTLY SERVING AS AMBASSADOR/
INSPECTOR GENERAL OF EMBASSIES AND CONSULATES AT THE
FOREIGN MINISTRY, BENGHAZI ENTERED THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN
AFFAIRS AS A COUNSELOR IN 1957. HE HAD PREVIOUSLY SERVED
IN THE PRIME MINISTRY, IN 1950 AS A DRAFTSMAN, AND IN 1955
AS ATTACHE' DE CABINET; IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL AFFAIRS
AS ATTACHE DE CABINET, 1956. FROM 1957 TO 1960, BENGHAZI
HEADED THE AFRICAN-ASIAN DESK; WHILE MANAGING THE EUROPEAN
DESK HE WAS PROMOTED TO MINISTRY PLENIPOTENTIARY, 1960.
IN 1962, HE DIRECTED THE FIRST TUNISIAN DIPLOMATIC
MISSION TO ALGIERS, THEN RESUMED DIRECTION OF THE
EUROPEAN DESK UNTIL 1965. IN JANUARY OF THAT YEAR HE
WAS APPOINTED DIRECTOR OF POLITICAL AFFAIRS AND BECAME
AMBASSADOR/PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF TUNISIA TO THE
U.N. OFFICE IN GENEVA IN 1967; AMBASSADOR TO TEHRAN
AND TO ANKARA BETWEEN 1970 AND 1976. THEN APPOINTED
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TO THE FOREIGN MINISTRY AS INSPECTOR GENERAL OF EMBASSIES
AND CONSULATES.

3. PERSONAL: SLIM BENGHAZI WAS BORN IN 1920.
HE TOOK HIS SECONDARY STUDIES IN TUNIS AND HIS HIGHER
EDUCATION IN LETTERS AT THE SORBONNE. HIS WIFE
(NEE SAMIRA BOUZID) IS A HEADMISTRESS AND THE STEP

DAUGHTER OF FORMER EDUCATION MINISTER MAHMOUD MESSADI.
THEY HAVE TWO CHILDREN. BENGHAZI'S DECORATIONS INCLUDE
THE ORDER OF INDEPENDENCE AND OF THE REPUBLIC AND
SEVERAL OTHER FOREIGN ORDERS.
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